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News Briefs

Award winner

Airman Steven Albert of the 469th Air Base Group Security Forces Flight recently won the U.S. Air Forces in Europe USO award.

He will be representing USAFE at the USO Services Salute in October.

Scholarship

Airmen through technical sergeants planning on taking college courses in the upcoming semester are encouraged to apply for a book scholarship offered by the Ramstein Area Chief's Group.

This is an opportunity to get up to a \$100 reimbursement on books.

For information on how to obtain an application please contact Chief Master Sgt. Cathryn Gamsby at 330-7303. Applications must be turned in by Aug. 22.

New hours

Charles's Gift Shop, German Post Agency and Telekom service has new hours for the month of August.

The shop is now open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Fire danger

Due to the dry conditions the potential for fire danger is extremely high. Barbecues are still allowed but caution and common sense are a must.

Be conscious of cigarettes and other flammables. For more information call the fire department at 330-7117.



Courtesy photo

U. S. Air Forces in Europe Commander Gen. Robert Foglesong and Chief Master Sgt. Gary Coleman, command chief master sergeant.

Sounding off

New USAFE commander greets troops

By Gen. Robert "Doc" Foglesong
Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE — My most important message — Chief Master Sgt. Gary Coleman and I are honored to have this opportunity to serve with the men and women of U.S. Air Forces in Europe and AIRNORTH.

Gary and I have been hooked-up for years — we picked each other, so this is about mutual respect. I trust his judgment and rely on his vision. We are fortunate to have him as our command chief.

We speak your language — Air Force. You'll be hearing from both of us, and we'll be listening to you to make sure we're all on the same frequency.

I just returned from a visit to Iraq and Afghanistan and saw firsthand the great job that our airmen are doing — we truly are the most respected air and

space force in the world.

I had the privilege of spending some time at Bagram with the Warthogs from Spangdahlem and can attest to the hard work they're doing so far from home — USAFE doing what it does best, fighting our wars!

As we continue to fight the Global War on Terrorism and posture for the challenges ahead, we will stay true to our expeditionary roots and legacy of innovation. We have the trust, respect and support of the American people like never before — it's our job to keep it!

From my previous seat in the Pentagon, it was obvious that USAFE was well organized and well led.

Our specific vision, mission and goals are coming soon, but we'll keep moving in the same direction.

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Final farewell

COMUSAFE salutes command's airmen

By Gen. Gregory Martin

Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE – When I had the opportunity to assume command of USAFE and the then AIRCENT and now AIRNORTH in January 2000, I had no idea we would face as many diverse and challenging global events as we have together.

And now, after a little over three and a half years later, as I say farewell and take up a new assignment at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio, I do so with the pride and satisfaction of having seen true professionals tackle the toughest assignments, overcome difficult barriers and prevail in battles against natural and human enemies.

In saying farewell to the USAFE and AIRNORTH teams let me just reflect briefly on an incredible journey filled with front-page news headline activities.

Day after day, you never ceased to amaze the world with your professionalism and commitment to excellence in all you do ... and in all the places you have been called to duty!

You have kept the peace in the Balkans through your vigilance in Operations Joint Forge and Joint Guardian. When the floodwaters rushed over Mozambique, we launched Operation Atlas Response, delivering 767 tons of humanitarian aid to 2 million people in crisis.

When terrorists attacked the USS Cole, USAFE airmen transited 5,800

miles to Yemen and Djibouti to treat and recover the wounded in less than 24 hours. You have performed joint exercises with our NATO countries, and hosted landmark exercises with Partnership for Peace countries that established new and key international relationships.

The last three years has seen our medical professionals on the continent of Africa, providing medical care to over 24,300 villagers during our annual MEDFLAG exercises in Cameroon, Mozambique, and Uganda.

We protected the skies over the NATO Summit in Prague, Czech Republic, while witnessing the expansion of the most successful alliance in history. The hard-working teams of Lajes, Portugal, and Keflavik, Iceland, joined our USAFE team.

Long before Iraq had captured front-page attention, you were proficiently executing Operation Northern Watch.

Learning from Operation Allied Force in 1999 and experiencing our high operational tempo, we understood the need to balance operational requirements with MAJCOM headquarters execution during a major contingency, and so we broke new ground when we created the USAFE Theater Air and Space Operations Center.

Since then the UTASC has allowed us to rapidly transition from steady-state contingencies to crisis and war.

Our best efforts to make contingency planning and execution as effective as possible still would never have given us



Gen. Martin

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The Action Line is one way for me to keep my finger on the pulse of the Rhein-Main community and is used as an avenue for communication.

The main objective of the Commander's Action Line is finding solutions to problems or providing explanations for processes.

If you experience problems at Rhein-Main, you should always try to resolve problems at the lowest level by contacting the unit or agency managers. In almost every case, your chain of command is the best solution. I strongly encourage everyone to use that route first. When normal channels haven't been able to resolve your issues, feel free to send an e-mail to Hotline@rheinmain.af.mil or call 330-7777. Please include your name and contact information along with your concern.

Action Lines are forwarded to the appropriate agency for action and response. They should contact you within 24 hours. Once an Action Line is started, the agency must provide a complete answer to me within 10 days.

The 469th Air Base Group Public Affairs Office is responsible for managing the Action Line program on my behalf.

If you have any questions, call the 469th ABG/PA office at 330-7804 or e-mail at Hotline@rheinmain.af.mil.

Col. Bradley Denison

Commander, 469th Air Base Group

330-7779

a crystal ball to see what was going to happen on Sept. 11, 2001.

When the unthinkable happened, USAFE and AIRNORTH responded by pulling together an international and joint team to help flow amazing amounts

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AF releases staff sgt. promotion list

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The Air Force has selected 13,651 of 27,416 eligible senior airmen for promotion to staff sergeant, a 49.79 percent selection rate.

The complete list of selectees is posted on the Air Force Personnel Center's Web page at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/eprom/>.

The following Rhein-Main members were selected for promotion:

469th Air Base Group: Jeremiah Brewer, Kevin Brock, Bryan Driscoll, Timothy Hall, Jeffery Knight, Durrell Lee, Jennifer Manamea Nelson, Harley McCurter, Tonya Posey, Javier Sanchez-Torres, Jacob Strawn and James Wulf.

726th Air Mobility Squadron: Gregory Beidleman, Peter Bishop, Ronald Davis, Duane Fish, Joshua Jones, Stacia Manuel, David Marshburn, Jason Patterson, Benjamin Wise and John Young.

485th Intel Operations Squadron:

Nova Rogers and Frederick Rote III.

TDY personnel: William Baumgarten, Michael Blouin, Daniel Carter Jr., Scott Choi, Joshua Clark, Ricky Govin, Steven Mayo II, Devin Paul Jr., Lekeycia Ruffin, Sean Ryan and Joshua Smith.

"As far as promotions are concerned, this has proven to be another great year for our senior airmen," said Chief Master Sgt. Mark Billingsley, enlisted-promotion and military-testing chief here.

"The message is loud and clear: There really is no limit. If you work hard and prepare for promotion, the Air Force will entrust you with that next stripe and give you all the responsibility and opportunity for growth that come with it," he added.

People who tested are expected to receive their score notices by the end of August, officials said.

Score notices allow airmen to see how their Promotion Fitness Examination and Specialty Knowledge Test scores rank

against those they are directly competing with for promotion within their Air Force specialty code.

Individuals can also get an electronic copy of their score notice, available Saturday by clicking on 'vMPF' at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/>.

The average score for those selected was 265 points, with the following averages:

— 130.81 points for enlisted performance reports.

— 53.29 for Promotion Fitness Exam.

— 53.54 for Specialty Knowledge Test.

— 15.52 for time in grade.

— 10.60 for time in service.

— 0.62 for decorations.

The average selectee has 1.62 years time in grade and 4.25 years in service. Those selected will be promoted to staff sergeant from September to August 2004. *(This story was provided by Air Force Print News)*

Stepping up security

IACS increases personnel recognition levels at bases

By Staff Sgt. Angela Palazzo

Security Forces

With the automation of the Installation Access Control System (IACS), physical security procedures and force protection levels will be enhanced within the U. S. Army and U.S. Air Forces in Europe communities.

This system will allow different levels of access and have the ability to restrict access privileges as the need arises. The system scans an individual's ID card, followed by their fingerprints, in order to complete the registration process.

This will ensure maximum recognition for that individual.

All active duty, family members and DOD ID cardholders must be registered. IACS is also needed for contractors who have a regular need to access more than one installation.

If contractors only need access to Rhein-Main they will not need to register with the IACS.

German nationals who decline to give

their fingerprints will not be able to register in the system. The program will not move to the next screen until the fingerprints are given.

This is a program issue that is currently being addressed between USAREUR and USAFE.

German nationals who decide to give fingerprints will need to list the installations they need access to (no more than three installations will be authorized).

German national points of contact for the program will need to complete the AE FM 190-16A and ensure that a host agency check has been conducted.

Local nationals will also need to provide their passport or national ID from their country of origin.

Copies of this form can be obtained at the pass and registration office or sent via e-mail. Temporary passes may be issued but will not exceed 90 days — there will be no extensions.

Deployed personnel will not be registered with IACS unless their rotation back to the CONUS is beyond Jan. 1, 2004.

The following organizations have been scheduled for registration on the following days:

■ 64th Replacement Company, Aug. 19-27

■ 469th Air Base Group, Aug. 19-29

■ PAE, Aug. 26 - Sept. 7

■ All other personnel, Sept. 2-6

If an organization is not listed, people should contact their section's chain of command for registration times.

Family members ten years of age and older will need to be registered into the program.

However, sign-in privileges will only be authorized for personnel eighteen years of age and older.

The pass and registration office is located in Bldg. 343 and is open from 6 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday - Friday.

Expiration dates will vary for all cardholders.

For more information on this system, please go to the following web address: <http://www.hqusareur.army.mil/opm/iacs/IACS.HTML>.

Warriors of the Week



Staff Sgt. Ray McGee

Unit: 469th ABG**Time in Service:** 7 years**Duty Title:** Training manager for airfield management**Hometown:** Natchez, Miss.**Hobbies:** Playing football and video games**What has been your best experience in the Air Force?**

Being able to travel and experience the cultures of many different countries.



Staff Sgt. Yvette Munoz

Unit: 469th ABG**Time in Service:** 14 years**Duty Title:** Chief of airfield management operations**Hometown:** San Jose, Calif.**Hobbies:** Traveling and salsa dancing**What has been your best experience in the Air Force?**

Being able to meet and form friendships with a lot of new and interesting people.

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of war materiel to the combat zone, while at the same time they established and executed humanitarian relief operations for the starving refugees in Afghanistan.

With American hope and compassion as our driving forces, we provided 2.4 million humanitarian daily rations, 900,000 pounds of wheat, 700 tons of blankets as well as critical cold-weather gear, food and supplies to Afghan refugees in need.

In addition, we expanded Operation Enduring Freedom's combat support capability to 2,400 missions, delivering 25,000 personnel and 69,000 tons of cargo to help win the global war on terrorism in Afghanistan.

When the global war on terrorism involved toppling Saddam Hussein's brutal regime, 95 percent of all cargo and personnel going by air to the fight moved through Europe.

This unprecedented air bridge was certainly history making, but still just one part of the overall mission in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Because at the same time, you established the entire northern air arm and then airdropped and air landed

our entire northern ground force into Iraq to support the Central Command in its historic march into Baghdad.

It's impossible to capture in this brief space the thousands of individual efforts that went into our victory in Iraq. From providing mission support, command and control, surveillance, refueling, securing our bases at home and downrange, and logistical planning – you have made America proud and won a major war so that freedom can now begin to grow where before there was only tyranny and oppression.

And most recently, members of our USAFE team were tasked to provide personnel recovery and emergency evacuation support for members of our U.S. Embassy in Liberia.

Members from the 56th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron from Naval Air Station Keflavik, Iceland quickly carried out their mission of transporting the evacuees from the Embassy, while a team from the 786th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron at Ramstein secured the area and established communications. A daunting mission, but they car-

ried it out expediently and with no warning.

Regardless of the mission, the professionalism that I've seen and experienced from every USAFE member is unprecedented. You have supported and accomplished the tremendous duties of providing security and force protection to our nation and the world.

And, by virtue of our military presence in Europe and our sense of duty and compassion for others, you've also created partnerships and friendships that I think are extremely important.

Although it's time to say farewell, the embodiment of our USAFE motto: Ready, Vigilant and Proud will live in me for years to come, and I hope this concept will remain with you as well.

I'm extremely grateful and proud of all you do for America, the security of international peace and the advancement of human dignity.

Wendy and I leave with an unbelievable sense of pride in knowing that you will welcome the Foglesongs as you welcomed us, and that you will continue to make all of our nations proud of your service in Europe and in NATO. Godspeed, God Bless and Thank You.

USAFE/CC looks back at 3-year tour

Gen. Martin led more than 28,000 airmen serving from Greenland to the heart of Africa

By Tech. Sgt. Mona Ferrell
USAFE News Service

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE – Reflecting on his tenure as U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander, Gen. Gregory Martin recently shared his views on the command.

From the conception of the Air and Space Expeditionary Force concept and the Global War on Terrorism, to the development of the command's higher standards for life program, the men and women of USAFE have been faced with many challenges since January 2000, Martin said.

"When I took over, Gen. (John P.) Jumper, current Air Force chief of staff and my predecessor, asked the command to remain focused on three major areas," Martin said.

"He asked that the men and women of USAFE concentrate on the creation of expeditionary forces; he wanted the command to concentrate on making sure our infrastructure could support and handle the expeditionary forces – not only for those people who were living and training here, but also for those individuals that might transit through to activities further downrange. And lastly, he encouraged the development of the higher standards for life program. I embodied these initiatives because I think they provided a great vector for the future."

USAFE's role in world events and crises

The military members, civilians, contractors and family members of USAFE play a vital role in supporting airpower's diverse roles for today's world events, said Martin.

"Before arriving here, I didn't have a complete appreciation for the magnitude of activity that the men and women of USAFE and their family members have sustained

here in the European theater day-in and day-out," he said. "I was aware of what it took to do Allied Force, I understood the continuing effort in the Balkans, I knew of course that we had Operation Northern Watch – but those have become somewhat understandable and scheduled.

"What I didn't know is the number of other events occurring within this theater – whether it be earthquakes, flood, famine or insurrection of revolutions that occur in any one of the 93 countries that the European command has responsibility for protecting American interests in," he added. "As a result in that, I began to understand the load, stress and competence that we have here at Ramstein and all of our other USAFE bases.

"What I have come to appreciate is that we have American interests all around the world. On any given day, there may be a threat to those interests in one or more countries. It's important that we be prepared to respond to those threats," he added.

"The people here at Ramstein have just done a magnificent job at the headquarters, planning through how to respond to these threats. But equally important, the 86th Airlift Wing here, with their C-130s, medivac team and the Operational Support Airlift – they are engaged throughout the theater every single day. So goes for our troops assigned to RAF Mildenhall in England, with the tankers that they have. It's not unusual at all for them to be supporting either our aircraft or the AMC's strategic lift force as it responds with American assistance aid, and in some cases combat power to any one of these events."

More recently is the support we're providing in Africa, said Martin.

"On any given day, we are tracking from three to five emerging problems or crises somewhere in the African continent that we may have to respond to," he said. "Our USAFE members are always Ready, Vigilant and I can tell you I'm very Proud."

Host nation support

The German/American relationship lives at many levels; at the national leadership level, at the military level and at the social level, said Martin. "... Although we did have a bit of a difference in an opinion

at the national level in respect to Operation Iraqi Freedom, I found that those relationships did not substantially affect the relationships below that," he said. "We must also understand that, even on the national level, our relationships are founded on more than one issue.

But having said that, the support we have received from the people of Germany – from the military, has been just astounding.

"It's truly been one of the most memorable and gratifying experiences of my life, to see as we were deploying forces forward for OEF (Operation Enduring Freedom) and OIF (Operation Iraqi Freedom) at the same time; the support we received from the Germans and their military was just outstanding. German military members guard our bases within Germany right now. And at one point, they had as many as 4,000 soldiers and airmen supporting our bases as we were deploying our people.

We were sending through the theater somewhere between 125-145 live-body airlifters and contract aircraft through Europe everyday. Eighty-five percent, or more than 100 of these aircraft, whether it be C-17s, 747s, C-5s, came through Europe via either Ramstein or Rhien Main airbase everyday during the war.

There was never a problem or a question – our German friends allowed them to move through, enabling us to do the job we were intended to do for OEF and OIF. We received tremendous support.

"We also can't forget that the Germans and the Dutch together formed the leadership element for the International Security Assistance force in Afghanistan," he continued. "The Germans had up to 4,000 troops on the ground there. And they continue with the Global War Terrorism, providing very useful intelligence information to those nations that are fighting against the terrorists. Overall, despite the fact that there was a fairly major flap over the Operation Iraqi Freedom events, the German people in the military provided tremendous support for us and for that I'm deeply grateful."

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MARTIN, from Page 5**Quality-of-life issues**

And where there is a presence, we must maintain satisfaction and morale through good quality of life, Martin said.

"When we talk about quality of life, people tend to think of that as community centers and golf courses ... I look at it as the way our people live," he said.

"It's their work place as well as their living environment and the support they're provided. I can say with a certain amount of satisfaction, that the vision Gen. (Michael E.) Ryan and Gen. Jumper began, we've been able to continue. We've gotten great support from the administration and from Congress in terms of our military construction projects to improve the facilities that people work in and that support them; in work and in play.

"But, we also have to remember that the work hours, medical care, education and the treatment that we receive in and around the base all add to the quality of life. We've worked very hard with our host nation advisors to make sure that we understand the needs of community. When the community has a problem with our operations, often times we'll work with them on alternate ways of operating that will allow for less frustration with America and our military.

But personal accountability is also vital in the quality of life equation, said Martin.

"When we talk about high standards of life, I would like people to think of that as personal accountability. Not accountability to the rules, although that is important. Not accountability to your boss, which you have to do. Not accountability to host nation laws, but accountability to yourself," he said.

"We are professionals, which means that we have special skills or talents, we have rules, codes and directives that bound our performance, and we're accountable. We're

accountable to the taxpayer, but most importantly we should be personally accountable. If we know the rules, the object should not be to see if we can get away with something, the object should be to see if I can do it well – not only in the tasks I do, but in how we treat one another.

"There's a million moving parts within this command, and each one of them has to work in order for everything, and everyone to work successfully. Most people don't realize how important they are personally to this success."

Rhein-Main Transition Program

One quality of life issue that's been on the front burner throughout Martin's command here is the Rhein-Main Transition Program.

"For more than 50 years, we've benefited from the Rhein-Main/Frankfurt partnership. But, the fact of the matter is that Frankfurt airport is expanding as a commercial entity and they needed that space," he said. "They were willing to pay the large majority of the relocation costs for us to move the aerial port operations from Rhein-Main to Ramstein and Spangdahlem Air Bases here."

This movement to bring the Gateway to Europe to these bases by 2005 involves constructing a new passenger terminal, new cargo handling terminals, and the development of the world's largest Army and Air Force Exchange complex to Germany, billed as the Kaiserslautern Military Community Center.

The new AAFES complex will have a large number of vendors from downtown, a 370 person hotel to satisfy the transient billeting needs, as well as a multiplex theater and extensive food court.

"I think we have the makings of a pretty significant event for these bases. In addition,

the opportunity for the local communities is going to be terrific," he said. "It should create some economic development in the area that would not otherwise be possible.

"It takes a long time for a plan of this magnitude to be developed, approved and be finalized," he added. "It wasn't something that was dreamt up overnight; it's been planned out for a number of years. The satisfaction is that after everything's completed, our people stationed here, our military members who transit through and our local communities here will be so much better off because of this for well after I'm gone."

Future USAFE role

Although current events will cause USAFE's role in Europe to change and evolve, we will still remain some type of presence, Martin said.

"I think our ability to have meaningful relationships and partnerships with other nations; the opportunity that gives us for access for training and exercises – these activities are best supported by our presence," he said.

"That presence can be permanent, like it is here at Ramstein where we send small contingents TDY and then come back here as our home base, or it can be by building a base there. But if we think of it by virtual presence, that we'll keep a communication open through VTCs (video teleconference) and occasionally show up for an exercise, the former commandant of the Marine Corps and now the Supreme Allied Commander in Europe has said virtual presence is actual absence.

"There will always be a need, I believe as long as we are NATO, for us to have some footprint in the European environment," he said.

"The question is how much and often will we bring other forces over to train so there is a presence of not only American, but of NATO forces, that are working together and interoperating. The jury is out right now on how much can be here permanently, and how much could be rotated in, but we're working through that ... what we have to do is know how many engagements we want to have here, and what the rotation schedule can support. If the schedule can't support those engagements, then we will need to have a permanent presence."



Stock photo

When Rhein-Main closes in 2005, the Gateway to Europe will move to Ramstein and Spangdahlem air bases. The move includes the construction of a new passenger terminal, cargo handling terminals and the world's largest AAFES complex.

USAFE gets new CC

Gen. Robert "Doc" Foglesong took helm in ceremony Tuesday

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE – Calling it an extreme honor, U.S. Air Forces in Europe's newest commander accepted responsibility for the command's people and assets during a ceremony here Tuesday.

Gen. Robert "Doc" Foglesong, who accepted the command guidon from Gen. John Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, now leads USAFE with its more than 32,000 active-duty, reserve and civilian members.

After assuming command, Foglesong began speaking to the audience with fully outstretched arms and a resounding "Yeah!" He also thanked several individuals, to include Jumper, Gen. James Jones, U.S. European Command commander, and Gen. Sir Jack Devereil, Commander-in-chief Allied Forces North Europe, as well local community, state and federal workers in addition to the men and women of USAFE for this opportunity.

"An incredible legacy of accomplishments that NATO has achieved over the last five decades ... (they) protected the security of Western Europe," Foglesong said. "I'm struck today, by what I think is a time of transformation for AIRNORTH and USAFE – moving forward from static to expeditionary operations.

"Our challenge is to remain relevant as we reshape and navigate through the future," Foglesong continued. "Our master arm switch will always be in the "arm" or "simulate" position – it will never be off. If we have to fight or respond, we'll be ready.

"The last guy who speaks at a change of command wins the grand prize," said Foglesong, sharing his joy. "What a great day to be Doc and Mary Foglesong."

The 31-year Air Force veteran with more than 4,000 flying hours, primarily in fighter and trainer aircraft, also assumes command of Allied Air Forces Northern Europe; as well as Air Force Component, U.S. European Command. USAFE and



Photo by Airman 1st Class Desiree Palacios

From left, Gen. John Jumper hands the command guidon to Gen. Robert "Doc" Foglesong. Foglesong became the USAFE commander during a change of command ceremony Tuesday at Ramstein Air Base.

AIRNORTH are both headquartered at Ramstein.

USAFE's mission is to plan, conduct and coordinate offensive and defensive air operations based on tasks assigned by the U.S. EUCOM commander. The command's diverse responsibilities also include in-theater airlift and air refueling operations, and encompass 23 million square miles, from Greenland to Russia and Norway to Africa. (Courtesy of USAFE News Service)

Fit to Fight

AF implements push-ups, sit-ups, 1.5 -mile run standards

WASHINGTON — Airmen will begin hitting the track soon as the Air Force begins a new physical fitness program, the service's senior leader announced in his July 30 "Fit to Fight" Sight Picture.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper directed that airmen will now test their fitness levels by performing sit-ups, push-ups and running 1.5 miles.

The change is being made because "we are a much different Air Force today," according to Jumper. He cited the physical requirements demanded by recent deployments around the world as the impetus for the

change. "The amount of energy we devote to our fitness programs is not consistent with the growing demands of our warrior culture," he said. "It's time to change that."

Details will be released soon that will get airmen back to the basics of running, sit-ups and push-ups, Jumper said.

The cycle ergometry test, in use for the past 10 years, will continue for those who, for legitimate reasons, are not able to run.

Other changes include issued workout clothes and a renewed focus on the commander's ownership of airman physical fitness.

"We are planning to ... put responsibility for (physical training) in the chain of command, not with the medical community or the commander's support staff," Jumper said. "I expect this effort to be led from the top, starting with commanders and senior (noncommissioned officers)," he said. "I expect those who have trouble meeting the standards to be helped by others in their unit until they do meet the standard."

The program will begin Jan. 1.

(This story was provided by Air Force Print News)

AF unveils new uniform plan

Selected airmen to test uniforms during six-month trial period

By Tech. Sgt. David Jablonski
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials recently announced plans for the wear test of a new utility uniform to possibly replace the current battle dress uniform.

The blue, gray and green tiger-stripe camouflage ensemble is a departure from the current woodland pattern uniform and includes many new features that are intended to increase functionality and provide a distinctive look for airmen of the 21st century, officials said.

Three-hundred uniforms will undergo wear testing from January to July at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska; Hurlburt Field, Fla.; Langley AFB, Va.; Luke AFB, Ariz.; McChord AFB, Wash.; Ramstein Air Base, Germany; Robins AFB, Ga.; Vandenberg AFB, Calif.; and Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. The test will generate feedback about fit, durability and functionality.

“Our intent is to create a uniform that will be distinctive, practical, easy to maintain, comfortable and, most important, a uniform you will be proud to wear,” said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper.

“We have become a more expeditionary force, with less time at home to spend caring for the uniform,” Jumper said. “In the last 20 years, material technology has improved greatly. As a result, we have designed one uniform that can satisfy our various climates and utility needs, while eliminating the need for professional ironing to provide a polished appearance.”

Jumper said the distinctive Air Force uniform is designed to fit well, look sharp and require much less maintenance than the current uniform.

“We (also) need to ensure our airmen have a uniform that fulfills our unique air

and space missions,” he added.

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray, explains that great care is being taken to ensure the best possible uniform is created to meet future needs.

“I believe that one of the great strengths of our Air Force and its airmen is the ability to adapt to new missions, new technologies and an ever-changing world landscape,” he said. “This new utility uniform is another example of seeing a need for improvement and moving forward.”

A key step in bringing any new uniform item into service is feedback from airmen in the field, Murray said.

“I believe it’s a uniform fitting of the world’s greatest expeditionary Air Force and one that we will be proud to wear,” he said. “We want your feedback as well — not shoot-from-the-hip feedback, but feedback that comes from seeing the uniform in action and thinking about how it will meet your needs based on your work environment.”

“It’s important to remember that this is a wear test, and the decision about whether or not to adopt some, all or none of this uniform will be made after considering the results of the test and feedback about how it meets airmen’s needs,” Murray said.

According to officials, the wash-and-wear uniform will be easier to maintain and will not require professional laundering or starching.

Officials estimate that home laundering will potentially save between \$180 and \$240 in laundry costs over the course of a year.

Unlike the current BDU, the new version comes in men’s and women’s cuts. The separate women’s uniform reflects the growth in the number of



Photo by Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

Second Lt. Arcelia Miller, from the Air Force’s special security office, puts the Air Force test utility uniform through its paces at an entry control point here. The blue, gray and green tiger-stripe camouflage ensemble includes many new features intended to increase functionality while providing a distinctive look for the 21st century airmen.

women in the service.

A final decision on the uniform is expected in December 2004. If approved, production could begin as soon as 2005, with a phase-in date to be determined.

Greeting, from Page 1

We intend to build on your great record of success. We recognize that nothing gets done without the whole team pitching in. Our USAFE team includes our airmen, civilian workforce and especially our families whose love and support are essential — we won’t take your sacrifice for granted! We’ll be counting on you.

My motto for the past 30 years has been “Bring Your Courage.” You’ll hear me say it a lot because physical and moral cour-

age are so vital to what we do. Courage is the single trait that counts the most — it’s what makes all the others possible. And if there’s ever a command that “brings its courage,” it’s USAFE!

Gary and I look forward to flying and working with you in the days ahead.

Stop us and say “hello” as we taxi around the command.

We’re excited to join you and ready to press ahead.

What's in your closet?

No better time than present to determine what stays and what can go

**By Chief Master Sgt.
Cathryn Gamsby**
469th Air Base Group Superintendent

It's hard for many of us to believe, but on Dec. 31, 2005, Rhein-Main Air Base will close.

With this in mind, there's a lot of work to be accomplished. As the closure date draws near, we'll have many important details to take care of; however, some of these details can be attended to now.

For starters, have you looked in your office closets, storage rooms, outside sheds or basements lately? You probably have all sorts of property your unit no longer needs.

To get a jump on the closure process, start sorting through all of your unneeded items, such as old furniture, office

supplies and anything your organization no longer uses or needs.

Base leadership has established an "Assets Team" to assist you in disposing of your property. Keep in mind that everything has to go. It's just a matter of when to take it away and where to send it.

One place where you're not authorized to dispose of unneeded items is the convenient - but wrong - trash dumpster. Air Force Manual 23-110 Volume 2, Part 2, Chapter 13, Paragraph 13.21.2.1, states that in keeping with Department of Defense principles, the only items that can be thrown away are trash items. Examples would be office trash, used gaskets, seals or broken plastic items.

In the near future, we will set up a turn-in area, where you will be able to

drop off your unneeded items (except for hazardous materials as that is a different process).

The base Assets Team will then take control of the items turned-in, and either transfer the property to the Army or fill out the proper paperwork and take it to the Defense Reutilization Marketing Office. The Assets Team will also implement procedures to dispose of property to be used until base closure. We will get that information out to you soon.

While you're finding things to dispose of, it's equally important to make sure you don't unintentionally turn-in items on your unit's equipment listing or CA/CRL.

Check with your equipment custodian before turning in anything. If a piece of equipment is missing, then a Report of Survey must be started and someone could ultimately end up paying for the equipment item out of their pocket. A Report of Survey is a necessary tool to help locate an item or to determine financial responsibility.

And, speaking of missing items, did you know that the Security Forces Flight randomly checks outgoing vehicles. SF personnel are checking to make sure assets don't just walk away.

The bottom line: if you aren't completely certain that it's all right to dispose of an item a particular way, don't do it! Every unit has a representative on the Assets Team, and they will be happy to find an answer to your questions on this.

Remember, the closure process will consist of taking care of many details. The best way to manage details is to keep good records. Being able to account for when and where you sent every piece of your unit's property could save you many headaches, and possibly money out of your paycheck later.

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Photo by Senior Airman Andrew Rouleau

Taking a bite out of crime

Akhil Hamilton spends some time with McGruff the crime dog during National Night Out Aug. 5 in Gateway Gardens. National Night Out was sponsored by the security forces flight, and was a chance for community members and police to get together and promote crime prevention and neighborhood camaraderie. Activities included free food, a bicycle registration booth, patrol car demonstrations, youth games, music, Sparky the fire dog, fire truck demonstrations and McGruff the crime dog.

Sports shorts

Youth sports

Rhein-Main Youth Center holds registrations for youth soccer and flag football through Aug. 31. Soccer is open to all youth ages five to 15 and flag football is open to ages 10 to 12.

For more information or to sign up contact Rayenna Hernandez at 330-7125.

Golf scramble

Rheinblick Golf Course near Wiesbaden will hold a Friday Night Scramble at 6 p.m. Aug. 22.

Sign-up from the four-person, select-shot event is by 5:30 p.m. Experienced players will be paired with less-experienced players to form teams.

Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.

Call 336-2816 for more details.

Grand Prix run

The 284th Base Support Battalion Sports and Fitness Centers will hold a Schifffenberg Castle Grand Prix 12.5 km run and 3 km Family Fun Walk Aug. 23.

Registration is from 9 - 10:45 a.m. at the castle and the race begins at 11 a.m. Cost is \$10 or \$15 with a T-shirt.

The castle is located near Giessen, north of Frankfurt.

Bowling meeting

A meeting is scheduled for 11 a.m. Aug. 27 at the Rocket Bowling Center for those interested in establishing fall leagues.

Participants should bring their letters of intent to establish each league.

For more information, call the center at 330-7219 or 330-6405.

Basketball tryouts

Team tryouts for the Rhein-Main men's and women's varsity basketball squads are set for September 22.

Call 330-7151 or 330-6062 for more details.

Rockets place third in USAFE softball tourney

By Senior Airman Andrew Rouleau
Public Affairs

After a perfect start, the Rhein-Main Rockets varsity softball team lost two straight games, but still placed third in the USAFE small units championship tournament, which took place at Spangdahlem Aug. 5 - 10.

The tournament began with round-robin play, during which Rhein-Main earned a 5-0 record.

In the first game the Rockets defeated Royal Air Force Fairford 16-3.

In the second game, against Klein Brogel, the Rockets found themselves down by seven runs going into the bottom of the final (seventh) inning. But the team responded with nine runs, capped off by a game-winning homer by Gabriel Villanueva.

"We did a great job of coming back to win that one," said Trey Walker, player/coach. "The whole team responded, nobody gave up."

The third game was a close one, but the Rockets pulled out the win against St. Mawgan 10-8.

The last two games of round-robin play were a cake walk for Rhein-Main. They destroyed Minwith Hill 33-6, followed by a dominating performance against Naples that culminated in a 36-8 final.

"That was some of the best ball I have seen a Rhein-Main team play since I've been here," said Walker. "It's impressive to post scores in the 30's because these were all good teams we were playing."

With the 5-0 start Rhein-Main earned a bye in the first round of the double-elimination playoffs.

The Rockets were matched up against Sembach for their first playoff game and they were able to pull out an 11-8 victory.

Their next opponent, Alconbury, were the defending USAFE champions.

"We've been battling Alconbury for the title the last few years," Walker said. "We were runners-up to them last year, so we knew the importance of the game."

The Rockets lost to Alconbury 23-13. They eventually played St. Mawgan again in a game to decide who would go to the championship game to face Alconbury.

Rhein-Main allowed 15 runs in the first inning to St. Mawgan.

"There was nothing we could do about it," said Chris Frederick, Rhein-Main outfielder. "They just kept getting clutch hits. Our defense played respectable, they just kept hitting the ball."

The Rockets showed great resolve by cutting the lead down to 15-12. They lost by a final score of 22-19. Giving them the third place finish.

Alconbury eventually beat St. Mawgan for the title.

Rhein-Main ended up with three players voted to the tournament all-star team: Trey Walker, who had a .710 batting average and five home runs; Adam Espesito, who hit .586 with eight home runs and Bobby Gamsby, who hit .600 with five home runs.

"Going into the tournament I thought we would win if we played well," Walker said. "I knew we would be one of the best teams there. The field was just so competitive. About half of the teams averaged 20 runs a game. This was by far the most competitive tournament I have seen in my six years of playing."

Even though the team might have had higher expectations, the players went away knowing they gave it their best.

"I think overall we played well," said Ron Kapise, outfielder. "We just came up short at the wrong time."

"I thought we played better in the tournament than we had all year," said Fredericks. "We just couldn't get clutch hitting when we needed it. For a while we were clicking on all cylinders."

"We really did play well as a team," Walker said. "We scored a lot of runs. We would have won any of the last five years with the effort we had this year, it was just really competitive."

"I didn't go home with my head down," Frederick said.

Testing Sessions

The education office currently offers testing every Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. This includes AWC, ACSC, SOS, DANTES and distance education exams.

Testing is by appointment only. For more information call 330-7484.

Community Board

The Community Action Information Board meets Sept. 9 in the conference room of Bldg. 347 at 2:30 p.m.

Anyone who has a community issue they would like discussed or changed should call Wanda Pohlman or Judith Maughan at the family support center at 330-7992.

Finance Class

A basic financial management class takes place Aug. 20 from 9 a.m. - noon in the family support center classroom in Bldg. 347 Wednesday.

The class provides an overview of credit and budgeting and how to pay off debts without causing financial hardships. This class is mandatory for all E-4s and below.

Walking Tour

The next Frankfurt Walking Tour takes place Thursday. The tour covers the use of public transportation and provides a brief history of Frankfurt. Participants will eat lunch and walk through the major shopping areas.

Those going on the tour should wear civilian clothes and comfortable walking shoes and bring at least 25 Euros.

To sign up or for more information call 330-7992.

The tour takes place rain or shine. Participants should meet at the shoppette parking lot at 7:45 a.m. For more information or to sign up call 330-7992.

Marriage Class

A class on preparing for a second marriage takes place Aug. 26 from 6 - 8 p.m. at Our House.

Learn how to "divorce proof" a second marriage by analyzing mistakes made and by working on your self-worth, self-respect and self-knowledge. For more information call 330-7992.

Craft Class

A kids craft class takes place Aug. 27 from 5 - 6 p.m. at Our House. The class will be making rainbow thermometers to measure the summer heat. For more information call 330-7992.

Family Meetings

A class on family meetings takes place Aug. 27 from 6 - 7 p.m. at Our House. School is about to start. This can bring some disorder to families. With everybody having busy schedules and going in different directions, weekly family meetings will help bring some organization.

This class will teach the basics of holding productive family meetings. Call 330-7992 for more information.

Give Parents A Break

The next Give Parents A Break takes place Aug. 30 from 9 a.m. - noon at the child development center.

The program is designed to provide help for families with young children. It is open to children six weeks - five years old (not yet in kindergarten).

Referrals are made through the commander, first sergeant, chapel, clinic, family advocacy, family support center or child development center.

Availability is on a first come/first served basis. Contact the CDC at 330-7017 or the FSC at 330-7992 for more information.

Comedy Show

The next Comedy After Dark show takes place Wednesday at the Rocket Sports Lounge at 8 p.m. Come and see some stand up comedy for free.

Auto Auction

The next Rhein-Main Auto Auction takes place Saturday in Hangar 55. Cars can be previewed at 10 a.m. with bidding beginning at noon.

Spinning Classes

The base fitness center is currently offering spinning classes every Monday, Thursday and Friday from 6 - 7 p.m. Call 330-7151 for more information.

Movies Rhein-Main

Tonight - "The Italian Job," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Saturday - "Finding Nemo," (G), 5 p.m., and "Pirates Of The Caribbean," (PG-13), 7:30 p.m.

Sunday - "Bringing Down The House," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Wednesday - "Gilgli," (R), 7 p.m.

Aug. 22 - "2 Fast 2 Furious," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Aug. 23 - "Dumb And Dumberer," (PG-13), 5 p.m., and "Bad Boys II," (R), 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 24 - "Down With Love," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Aug. 27 - "S.W.A.T.," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Movies and times are subject to change.

Movie schedules for local communities can be found at

www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp

Want Ads

Looking for a person who does PCS cleaning. Call Liz at 0170-2733-0727.

Safety Challenge

In an effort to increase safety awareness at Rhein-Main the safety office created the safety challenge. Winners for the Aug. 1 challenge include Floyd Gober and Muriel Anderson.

Look for the next safety challenge in the Aug. 29 edition of *the Gateway*.

The following are the answers from the Aug. 1 word search:

- 1) symptom, cramps
- 2) sunscreen, sunblock
- 3) magnifies, swimming
- 4) waterproof, reapply, water, protection
- 5) overexposure, cancer
- 6) intense, radiation
- 7) sun
- 8) benefits, vitamin, damage
- 9) ultra violet, wrinkle
- 10) reflects
- 11) hat, brim, neck
- 12) blanket, burns
- 13) head, thinning
- 14) umbrellas, rays, sand, sea

Fun in the sun

Lochmühle Freizeit Park offers a convenient family outing

Story and photo by
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Public Affairs

Tired of the kids bugging you at home? Take them to Lochmühle Amusement Park.

The park offers a variety of activities, games and rides for kids of all ages and adults too. Although most rides are geared to children over six years old, there are two special areas especially for children under six years old.

With adult supervision children under six are allowed on some of the rides. The park also has a petting zoo, horse rides and rentals, playgrounds and trampolines. Most rides are self-operated so the lines are short.

The park is located near Friedberg, only about 20 minutes north of Frankfurt.

In order to get there, take Autobahn 5 north to the Friedberg exit (number 16). After exiting turn left and proceed to the first traffic light. Turn right and follow the road to the second major junction. Turn right and continue on to the park. There are signs for Lochmühle the entire way after exiting the autobahn.

Entrance fees are based on height. Children under three feet tall are free. Children



Andrew Rouleau makes a splash on a water ride at Lochmühle Freizeit Park near Friedberg. The park offers many different rides and activities for children.

between three feet and four feet are eight Euros and adults are nine Euros.

The first and third Fridays of each month are discount days and all guests taller

than three feet are eight Euros. The park is open from April 5 through November 2, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entrance to the park closes at 5 p.m.

Our German Friends...

In each edition of *the Gateway*, the public affairs staff answers questions from the Rhein-Main community concerning the German culture. If you have a question, send an e-mail to pa@rheinmain.af.mil or call 330-7805. For this edition:

Q: What are some of the most common stereotypes of Germans?

A: The following "German" characteristics do not reflect the view of the public affairs office. They're a collection of "positives" and "negatives" compiled by the Treff and Punkt Language Institute.

Positives

The following good characteristics are commonly thought of the Germans:

- Hard working • Exact • Orderly • Focused on quality
- Resistant to Bribery • Credible • Committed

Negatives

The following negative characteristics also prevail in the minds of outsiders:

- Perfectionists • Stubbornness • Inflexibility • Obsessed with work • Humorless • Know-it-alls • Grouchy • Difficult to get to know

Language institutes officials warn people to be cautious about relying on the exactness of the stereotypes. They say people will almost always come into contact with a German who embodies the exact opposite.

You should only allow yourself to perceive the world as it presents itself. Only then can the comfortable, friendly, and open part of your contact with Germans really start to take effect, according to the experts.

As the old German saying goes, "Wie man in den Wald hinein ruft, so schallt es heraus." In short: *You will only get of a relationship, what you put into it.*